

# COMMON COUNCIL

**March 21, 2016**

**6:35 P.M.**

The City of Lawrenceburg Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly Mollaun, Clerk-Treasurer Tyler Rainey read roll call. Present were Council members Tony Abbott, Aaron Cook, Mel Davis, Randy Abner and Paul Seymour JR, City Attorney Del Weldon, Police Chief Don Combs, Utility Director Olin Clawson, Fire Chief Johnnie Tremain, EMS Director Bobby Mills, Mayor Kelly Mollaun and Clerk-Treasurer Tyler Rainey.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Aaron Cook inquired about when the speedbumps in front of Central Elementary would be put up.

Mr. Todd stated that they would have them back up by next week.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fire:** Chief Tremain stated that he had distributed documents for all to review.

**Police:** Chief Don Combs said that the department is continuing to work with local businesses on active shooter training/education. He also stated that the citizen's fire arm classes at the FOP Lodge would be starting soon.

**EMS:** Mr. Mills said that the February stats had been distributed.

**Building Department:** No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Tom Palmer**

### **Use of Trail for AIM**

Mr. Palmer requested permission for access of the trail and for the barricades to be lowered for AIM's 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5K to be held on May 7, 2016 at 8am.

Motion to permit use.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

## **2. Del Weldon**

## **IN Housing Dev Grant Fund**

Mr. Del Weldon read Ordinance 4-2016 in full.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

Motion to approve for the second reading.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Mel Davis

Motion carried.

Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only.

Motion: Paul Seymour JR

Second: Anthony Abbott

Motion carried.

Motion to approve for the third and final reading.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Mel Davis

Motion carried.

## **3.**

## **Fire Protection Ordinance**

It was determined that tonight would only be the first reading of this ordinance, and that a public hearing would then be held on April 18, 2016.

Mr. Del Weldon read Ordinance 5-2016 in full.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Mel Davis                      Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

**4. Mike Clark**

**Eichelberwer & Lewis Subdiv Re plat Lots 307-311**

Mr. Clark requested permission to re-plate five plots. He added that this had already come before Planning and Zoning and forwarded onto council.

Motion to approve and certify plats.

Motion: Anthony Abbott                      Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

**5. Bryan Messmore**

**Dearborn Plaza**

Mr. Messmore stated that this is an issue that had been approved by Redevelopment on 3-4-16, but will need additional approval from Council to authorize the spending. Money will come from Fund 291, and will only be paid upon completion and certificate of occupancy.

Paul Seymour had several questions regarding this project, ie: "aren't we opening a door that we just closed?", "couldn't payment be spread out over four or five years?", etc.

Mayor Mollaun addressed many of his questions, and added that "any jobs that are brought in will be more than what we have now".

Member Anthony Abbott also said that he believes that it is a good idea, and that the developer is putting in \$4 million of his own money.

*(Discussion continued with members of the audience speaking as well.)*

Motion to approve grant money of \$840,000.00 for the use of Dearborn Plaza renovation.

Motion: Mel Davis                      Second: Anthony Abbott

Roll Call

Anthony Abbott                      yes

Aaron Cook	yes
Mel Davis	yes
Randy Abner	yes
Paul Seymour JR	no

4/1: Motion carried.

It was reminded that an additional appropriation ordinance must be created in order to add monies to the capital improvement line.

## **6. Del Weldon**

### **Loan Fund Recovery Plan**

Mr. Shelton from Gerner and Kearns provided a summary and background information about the outstanding loans. He also discussed some of their findings as well as the current action plan.

There are three steps to the recovery plan as discussed by Mr. Shelton. Step one is to send notices of default (which have been done). Step two is to stop accepting payment (this too has been ordered). And, step three is an alternative to foreclosure. It is to obtain outside resources. Foreclosure, he added, should be the last resort.

Mr. Gerner then approached the podium and Mr. Weldon asked him some questions regarding an alternate proposal (step four) that was not initially presented to last year's council on Dec 7.

Mr. Weldon recapped by stating that these loans were initially given with good intent. They were given to local businesses, but somewhere along the way, "the ball was dropped". This administration, he said, is in a good place to aggressively pursue recovery, and he feels optimistic about the movement.

The Mayor thanked all for their patience and is anticipating a quick recovery. He added that he would like to say that the borrowers have taken a beating especially on Facebook, but in truth, most have consistently made regular payments and have been labeled unfairly. He concluded with saying that he would like to put this to rest, recover the funds, and move forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old or unfinished business.

## **Comments from the Audience**

Dr. Zaharakos-Dr. Zaharakos discussed his own loan with the City, and worried about his credit rating. Mr. Weldon assured him that he owes no explanations and that his credit would not be harmed due to this. The doctor also inquired about his privacy when disclosing financials. Again, Mr. Weldon said that there would not be any personal financials released. Lastly, Dr. Zaharakos asked if special deals were going to be made with businesses that cannot pay off their loans. Mayor Mollaun said that the City is not in any position to make deals.

Wendy Rainey-Ms. Rainey approached the podium to inquire about any conflict of interest forms filled out with Redevelopment concerning the "Schnebelt deal". Mr. Weldon said that there were not.

Jane Pope-Ms. Pope inquired about the fourth option that was not originally brought before the previous council. Mayor Mollaun stated that Gerner and Kearns were still working on this, but that it will be presented when it has been fully prepared.

Ms. Pope asked why this alternate option was not discussed previously.

Mr. Weldon said there was no malicious intent and that the previous City Attorney and the outside banking committee advisors at the time, had chosen it as an unsound option; however, Mr. Weldon as well as the new City Council believe it could be a good one.

**Review and discussion of claims for Board approval.**

Motion to approve all claims once properly certified.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Mel Davis

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.